GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:325
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DUMPING OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government are aware that shortly India will become the next major market for dumping synthetic drugs; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent this situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.325 to be answered on 20.3.2001

(a)& (b): India has a strong and diversified pharmaceutical manufacturing base, including that of synthetic drugs, and is able to cater to most of the country`s requirements indigenously. The pharmaceutical products are known to be reasonably priced, and therefore, the possibility of India becoming the next major market for dumping is remote. Presentlyanti-dumping duty is levied on 6 drugs. Investigations for 2 drugs have been initiated, and in the case of 2 other drugs, final/provisional duty levy, has been recommended.

The designated Authority appointed by the Government of India conducts Anti-Dumping investigations in India under Sections 9 A, 9 B and 9 C of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995. The initiation of Anti-Dumping investigations is undertaken when the domestic industry files a fully documented petition to the Designated Authority or when information is received from the Collector of Customs appointed under the Customs Act 1962 or from any other source with sufficient evidence of dumping, injury to the domestic industry and causal link between the dumping of the imported goods and injury.

As and when a fully documented petition or information of dumping is received as per the anti-dumping rules, DGAD initiates investigations to safeguard the interest of the domestic industry.